

Global Agriculture Innovation Forum



Genetic Innovations in Biological Amendments

June 1, 2021, 9:00-10:30 a.m. EDT,
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Moderator

Mr. Terry Stone, Global Regulatory Leader, Corteva Agriscience. Mr. Stone leads Corteva's portfolio of biological products. Prior to joining Corteva, he was Vice President for Regulatory Affairs and Sustainability at Agrinos and held leadership roles with Syngenta, The Scotts Company and Monsanto, working in global regulatory affairs, sustainability, industry relations and research and development. He helped establish and chair Biological Products Industry Alliance's Biostimulant Innovation Committee and was co-founder of the Biostimulant Industry Workgroup.



Genetic Innovations to Improve Food Safety and Toxin Control

Ms. Jane Kamau, Commercialization & Agribusiness Manager for Aflasafe at the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA). Ms. Kamau has worked with Chemonics International, SNV (The Netherlands Development Organisation), Eastern African Grain Council, and East Africa Breweries Limited. Her work focuses on unlocking private and public resources for scaling out agricultural innovations that positively impact lives.



Plant Stimulants (Foliar & Soil Amendments)

Mr. Luca Bonini, CEO, HELLO NATURE®. Dr. Bonini became CEO of Italtollina in 2001 and continues the legacy of the company's founding values - quality, passion, innovation, and respect for nature. A leader in the sector, HELLO NATURE® is the world's largest producer of 100% vegetable-based biostimulants for use in agriculture. In 2018 Luca was elected President of the European Biostimulants Industry Council (EBIC) and serves on the board of AgriNovus Indiana.



Innovations in Biologics

Dr. Brooks Coetzee, Global Biology Leader, Corteva Agriscience. Dr. Coetzee leads Corteva's Nutrient Management and Biological portfolios, with primary focus to characterize product, program and production system solutions, with special emphasis on: Empowering grower success, Partnering with external innovation and a Unified approach between biologicals and conventional solutions. Dr. Coetzee, a Corteva Laureate, has been actively involved in research and development across the globe for over three decades.



Marketing Innovations from the Private Sector

Mr. Rick Melnick, Vice President of Global Business at Dunham Trimmer. Mr. Melnick has 25 years of experience in agriculture, marketing, communications, and business management. He serves as outgoing Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Biological Products Industry Alliance and is former president of BioProtection Global, the global association of biocontrols trade associations.

Forum themes

- Farms and Farmers of the Future - **March 2 - 30, 2021**
- Innovations in Genetic Improvement of Agricultural Systems - **beginning May 11, 2021**
- Innovations in Post-Harvest Management – beginning **June 29, 2021**
- Innovations in Information and Communication Technologies – beginning **August 31, 2021**
- Innovations in Entrepreneurship, Especially Among Youth – beginning **October 5, 2021**
- Innovations in Scaling – beginning **November 16, 2021**

About the Global Agriculture Innovation Forum:

The Global Agriculture Innovation Forum is a joint undertaking between USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and Purdue University's Office of International Programs in Agriculture. The Forum will be valuable to entrepreneurs, producers, value-chain operators, service providers, and researchers, as well as donor agencies and implementing partners and will consist of a series of virtual events held throughout 2021. All events are free, but registration is required. Registration provides post-event access to all presentations as well as access to additional curated material on the topic.

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